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LEAGUE HITS RECOGNITION OF SPAIN FASCISTS

Nazi, Italian Action
Caused by Crisis
for Fascists

(See below for story on Spain meeting in Los Angeles.)

MADRID—Recognition of the Fascist murderers of the Spanish people by Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, was protested by Premier Francisco Largo Cabrallo of the legitimate People's Front Government of Spain, to the League of Nations as a violation of the League Covenant.

Advices from Geneva were that League officials likewise branded recognition as such a violation.

From London, it was indicated that Great Britain would not recognize any blockade against the legitimate Spanish government.

Hitler's and Mussolini's recognition of the Spanish Fascists was believed to be an act of desperation designed to help the Fascists out of a critical situation, for they had previously announced they would not recognize the Fascists until and unless Madrid fell.

Intervention Threat

The heroic and determined stand of the Spanish people's militia, which has kept the Fascist armies at bay here for nearly two weeks, was believed to have caused the Fascist nations to recognize the Spanish Fascists in order to give the latter more direct military assistance, and possibly to send German and Italian troops against the Spanish people.

Meanwhile, the people's militia unyieldingly defended the capital, and a new government air fleet took the skies, after the Fascists had bombarded Madrid repeatedly and brutally, killing and maiming hundreds of non-combatants, chiefly women and children.

Fascist planes had bombed the capital repeatedly with incendiary bombs, causing widespread destruction and death, in one of the worst series of atrocities in modern history.

Bag Strike Grows Over Whole Coast

With the bag industry strike spreading over the Coast, from the 150 Bemis workers who originally struck in San Francisco, Sonja Baltrum, international organizer of the United Textile Workers Union told of the causes and the progress of the strike on Thursday. Miss Baltrum said:

Bag workers in San Francisco, who are among the very least paid, organized into United Textile Workers Union (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Seamen Attacker in Tampa, Scene of AFL Convention

TAMPA, Fla.—While the AFL annual convention was in full swing in this city, Tampa police attacked seamen picketing the Grace liner *Cipriano*. The attack occurred on the municipal wharves. Ten strikers were arrested.

William Green did not protest.

Labor, Farmers In Tax Rich Program

SACRAMENTO—Both labor and farmers' groups are oiling the machinery for an onslaught on the present tax set-up, which takes it out of the hides of the masses of people, while favoring the well-to-do.

State officials have stated that they have definite information to the effect that labor and farmer groups are out to alter the present tax set-up.

The State Federation of Labor has already announced that its legislative program will include a campaign to abolish the sales tax and set up general increases in personal income, corporation, franchise, insurance, inheritance and liquor taxes.

The recent Grange convention placed an important section of the small farmers on record for substantially the same tax program.

It is reported that labor and farmer groups will offer some of these proposals in the form of legislative initiative petitions, so that the people may decide if the legislature fails to act.

Governor Merriam prevented any tax proposals from appearing in his November election ballots.

7000 IN L.A. CHEER SPAIN

LOS ANGELES—Amid a thunderous reception, the delegation from the Spanish Popular Front Government brought its message of the Spanish people's heroic fight against Fascism before an audience of 7000 in Shrine Auditorium here last Tuesday night.

"It is not a rebellion, but an invasion," said Isabel de Palencia, famed woman leader who has represented Spain at the League of Nations.

"I support the government because I am a Catholic and a Democrat," Father Luis Sarasola, Catholic priest and historian, told the audience.

Marcelino Domingo, eminent Spanish statesman, summed up the significance of the delegation: "We are the voice you are the soul. Spain is a universal idea; all liberals would be Spaniards. Forward for democracy victory!"

Trade unions mass organizations, individuals, groups and one radio station, KFVD, all participated in the meeting. The audience contributed \$3100 to the chest of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

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5 Sue to Enjoin Salinas Blacklist

SALINAS—So raw is the wholesale blacklisting against those who were recently on strike in the Salinas lettuce sheds that five members of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union have requested an injunction to prevent the blacklisting by the Grower-Shippers Assn.

The injunction is being sought from Judge St. Sure in Federal District Court at San Francisco.

The five plaintiffs in the case are Earl Montgomery, who was head of the strike publicity committee, J. B. Albert, John S. Wiseman, John Novak, and George Foote.

The complaint also charges the big growers with intimidating shippers who cannot stand the association's actions. Stoppage of supplies

CELERY STRIKE OF 2000 LOOMS

Filipinos and AFL Solid in Stockton

STOCKTON—From one to two thousand Filipino celery pickers are ready to strike in the next few days, around Walnut Grove, Isleton and Terminus Island, for wage increases.

Agricultural Workers Union local 20,221 of Stockton and Sacramento is taking a leading part in helping the celery pickers to win their demands of 10 cents per hour increase for field and shed workers, and an 8-hour day.

Present wages are 25 cents an hour for field and 30 cents for shed workers. A negotiations committee has been elected, with 4 members from the Central Labor Council, 3 from Local 20,221, and 2 Filipino workers.

PROTEST NAZI, ITALY ACTIONS

SAN FRANCISCO—Demanding withdrawal of recognition to the Fascist murderers of the Spanish people, and stopping all military and other aid to the Spanish Fascists, by Germany and Italy, three delegations filed protests with the German and Italian consulates last Thursday and Friday.

The American League Against War and Fascism delegation filed protest on Thursday, and the other two organizations on Friday.

The Communist Party delegation was composed of state and county leaders.

"All Communist Party members and other friends of democracy are urged to telephone personal protests to these Fascists consulates," declared a statement of the C.P. County Committee. "Phone the German consulate at Garfield 4294, and the Italian consulate at Douglas 17-57."

Brand Fascists with Responsibility for Socialist's Death

PARIS—Vicious and lying attacks of Fascists on his character, caused Roger Salengro, Socialist Minister of the Interior, to take his life in his home at Lille.

"I have struggled valiantly, but I have come to the end," wrote Salengro, twice acquitted of Fascist charges of being a war-time deserter. "If they (the Fascists) do not succeed in discrediting me, at least they shall bear the responsibility for my death, for I am neither a deserter nor a traitor."

"L'Humanité," organ of the Communist Party of France, came out in a special edition with a glowing tribute to Salengro.

SHARP FIGHT ON CIO RAGES IN TAMPA MEET

Reactionaries Hit At East Coast Strike, Spain People

TAMPA, Fla.—Spanish ambassador Fernando de los Rias had Bill Green on the spot here, with the ambassador's request to address the AFL convention on the fight of the Spanish trade unions against Fascism. Green had previously rejected the request of a Spanish people's delegate to speak (Isabel Palencia of the Spanish General Workers Union). The ambassador was also not allowed to speak.

The reactionaries put through a resolution attacking the East Coast seamen's strike, falsely calling it a "strike instigated by certain self-styled radicals aided and abetted by Communists." I.S.U. officials put in the resolution.

The convention was awaiting a report from its resolutions committee on what action was to be taken on the C.I.O. unions.

John P. Frey, secretary of the metal trades department, who has introduced a resolution for expulsion of the 10 C.I.O. unions, is secretary of the important 17-man resolutions committee, and Matthew Woll is chairman.

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MILK UNIONS BEAT LOCKOUT

OAKLAND—A few hours after the cities of Berkeley and Oakland had decided to take over operation of five milk plants, dairy companies had to call off the lockout against members of the Milk Wagon Drivers and the Creamery and Dairy Employees Union.

The lockout had occurred when the unions struck the Golden State Milk Co., as a protest against its coercing farmers to refuse to allow unionizing of milkers on the farms.

By terms of the agreement arrived at Thursday night the milk wagon drivers have the right not to go through picket lines at any struck plant, and the companies further agree to take no steps against unionization of the milkers on the farms.

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Probe Stealing of Oil Tidelands

LOS ANGELES—So flagrant has been the Standard Oil Company's stealing of public beach lands that a state senate investigating committee on Wednesday appointed three experts to determine which Standard Oil wells at Huntington Beach have tapped state-owned tideland oil pools.

The experts will go into Standard Oil's own records, as part of the inquiry into the campaign behind Proposition No. 4 on the state ballot, which California voters overwhelmingly defeated in the recent elections. This would have permitted tideland drilling.

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LABOR SUPPORTS MARINE STRIKE



THIS PICTURE is a symbol of the solidarity of organized labor behind the maritime strike. Harry Bridges is shown addressing 10,000 people of San Francisco at a public mass meeting called by the strike committee, in Dreamland Auditorium last week. Behind him at left, John F. Shelley, vice-president of the San Francisco Labor Council, and at Shelley's right, E. B. O'Grady, of the Masters, Mates and Pilots Union.

Labor Must Answer the Shipowners' Declaration of War

(AN EDITORIAL)

THE WATERFRONT employers and the open-shop Industrial Association have declared war on the striking unions. Out of the latest conferences between the maritime unions and the shipowners, one thing emerges clearly: THAT THE EMPLOYERS ARE OUT TO ABOLISH THE UNION HIRING-HALL, as the first step, the entering-wedge, to smash the unions on the waterfront. They have paralyzed the maritime industry deliberately, and then have hypocritically raised a hue and cry, with an injured air of innocence, that the unions are responsible for the crisis.

The employers want COMPULSORY GOVERNMENT ARBITRATION, the first step toward a Fascist set-up such as exists in Italy and Germany. And Mayor Rossi, while in Washington, is conveniently acting as their mouthpiece for this demand on the government. The employers want to HIRE OFF THE DOCKS, and bring back the old system of blacklisting, favoritism, speedup and company-controlled unions.

The unions have whittled down their demands to the minimum. They have made every reasonable concession and compromise offer. But the shipowners answered with a declaration of war. And the Industrial Association is trying to lay the basis for strikebreaking on a mass scale, by entering the warehouse strike situation, and threatening the workers of 300 business firms with mass dismissals if they refuse to handle "hot cargo." And they are utilizing economic pressure on the small businessman and the merchant, whose sympathies and interests are mainly with Organized Labor, to line up with the open-shop employers in their war against the unions.

The cry of "arbitration" is a smokescreen, to cover up the refusal of the employers to give satisfactory guarantees to the workers on the fundamental issues on which depend the very existence of the unions. Without these guarantees, the unions cannot agree to arbitration, where the cards are stacked against them, and the employers can have their own way. If guarantees are given by the employers, which they have refused pointblank thus far.

The West Coast maritime workers have the sympathy and support of the entire labor movement. It has the solidarity of the East and Gulf Coast strikers to back them up. The labor movement in California must show its support by organizing a mass movement to demand of the Federal Government: "Stop the

Unions Dig In For Long Struggle

"Banana Trial" a "Frameup", Hall Says;
Strikers Protect Interests
of the Public

(Other Strike News on Pages 2, 7 and 8. Watch for Special Strike Page beginning next issue.)

The first important American liner to come into the port of San Francisco since the maritime strike began—the Dollar Liner President Coolidge—was promptly struck.

Four I.L.A. gangs boarded the vessel, removed mail and personal baggage, but refused to handle the ship's stores or cargo.

Engineering department men made the ship safe and then went on the picket line.

The Seattle strike committee has stated it will move such ships as will be necessary to take foodstuffs to the people of Alaska. Thus another wall of the shipowners is squelched.

I.L.A. men in San Francisco loaded west-bound mail on the Australian ship Makura.

In every way the strikers up and down the coast continue to show up the shipowners, in protecting the interests of the public.

Radio Men Hit Commission
A resolution passed by the American Radio Telegraphists Assn. in San Francisco charged the Federal Communications Commission with acting to break the strike, by delaying the putting into effect of a law requiring placing of radio men on all ships over 1600 tons. This, the ARTA charges, would enable strikebound ships to sail without radio operators.

A statement by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, issued this week, contains the usual slanderous attacks on the unions, and for this reason there is no need to quote it at any length.

The meeting between the shipowners' coast committee and shipping crafts earlier this week had found the shipowners, dominated by the Matson-Dollar-American Hawaiian group, still blocking peace, insisting on arbitration of the hiring hall issue, which means the very life of the unions. (Union's statements on this meeting will be found on Page 2.)

A tentative plan for an agreement between the Marine Engineers and the River Lines (inland boats) was reported about to be submitted to the MEBA membership.

In Los Angeles Federal Judge McCormack on Thursday dismissed an order to U. S. Marshal Robert Clark to show cause why he should not enforce a writ secured from him by the Otis McAllister Co., for the unloading of 4216 stems of bananas from the strikebound California, tied up in San Pedro.

ILA officials, approving the strike, stated: "Any one who rides on the boats manned with the crews now leaving Chicago is taking his life in his hands," (Bus. Agent Wilfred Soderberg of I.L.A. Local 19) "The coastal boats are a different proposition than those on the lakes."

"If they start shipping scabs goods into lake ports there will be trouble," says Secy. Frank Hess of the local. "Our men won't handle scab goods."

NEW YORK—British and French dock longshoremen have swung into action with a refusal to unload any American vessels manned with scab crews.

The Seamen's Defense Committee has received word from the British General Transport Workers Union and the French National Federation of Port and Dock Workers of support to the American Maritime Strike.

25,000 Out

The Seamen's Defense Committee reports that close to 25,000 men have struck and tied up 275 ships in East and Gulf Ports.

The Luchenbach Line has admitted that 21 of its full fleet of 22 ships are tied up by the strike.

One hundred ships are now tied up in New York harbor.

Joseph Curran, strike committee head, charged Joseph Ryan, I.L.A. international president with having prevented the New York line from settling on the strikers' terms.

Ready to Negotiate
Strike strategy committee secretary Jack Lawrence wired Mayor LaGuardia in Washington that the committee was willing to negotiate toward a settlement.

Every day proves more and more the correctness of the Seamen's Defense Committee claim that it represents the majority of East and Gulf seamen.

From Chicago it is learned that ads for scabs are appearing in the Chicago Tribune. Seabs are being hired at the Great Northern Hotel.

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MAYORS TOLD PLAINLY THAT UNIONS CANNOT ARBITRATE BASIC MARINE STRIKE ISSUES

Now They Propose Extending Federal Ry. Compulsory Arbitration Act to The Maritime Industry

WASHINGTON—The Mayors are still busy hatching mischievous.

Headed by San Francisco's Mayor Rossi and New York's Mayor La Guardia, the mayors of East and West Coast port cities have now come out for Federal action extending the railway (compulsory arbitration) act to the maritime industry—something the maritime unions will never stand for.

Mayor Carson of Portland, Ore., joined Rossi in introducing such a resolution to the U. S. Conference of Mayors here.

Unions' Quick Reply

The mayors took this action after several of the west coast striking unions had wired the impossibility of accepting the mayors' demand that the basic demands of the unions be arbitrated.

Harry Lundeberg, secretary of the Sailors Union of the World, told the Mayors that a meeting of 1600 sailors had unanimously reaffirmed the refusal to arbitrate basic issues.

F. M. Kelley of the San Francisco joint strike committee wired a similar reply. George Charlot, president of Masters, Mates and Pilots Local 90, and E. B. O'Grady, secretary, wired the Mayors that:

"You must be aware, in view of the publicity which has been given several fundamental points at issue that your request would not be acceptable. No union can arbitrate basic principles affecting its very existence. Recent events stress the greater importance of human rights above any other considerations and thoughtful men will champion this."

The Shell Oil Co. denied statements by Mayor Rossi that it had been forced to close some of its plants due to the strike.

STOP FRAME-UP OF GALLAGHER!

LOS ANGELES—All workers, liberals and progressives who believe in democratic rights are urged to join the campaign to halt the scheme of reactionary interests to disbar Leo Gallagher, famous labor attorney, for exposing his labor-hating opponent in the recent elections, Superior Judge Arthur Crum.

Floods of telegrams, letters, postal cards and phone calls to the State Bar Association, Room 440, Rowan Building, L. A., are urged to put an end to this persecution of a man who has defended many years in the defense of labor.

All persons who have attended Judge Crum's court and know the high-handed way in which he conducted cases, are asked to communicate at once with the International Labor Defense office, 127 South Broadway, Room 317, L. A.

All friends of democracy are called upon to pack the offices and corridors of the State Bar at 7:45 p. m. on Tuesday, November 24th, and to demand that the investigation of Leo Gallagher be open to the public, and not secret as planned by the State Bar.

Perkins:

Just left meeting with shipowners represented by Plant. We came in there with proposals we had worked out with McGrady including firemen and cooks and which had already been agreed to by steam schooner group of shipowners. This proposal was as follows:

"Members of unions shall have preference of employment, and the parties agree that the union shall furnish the unlicensed deck personnel as required by the companies, parties to this agreement. If any dispute arises as to a seaman's ability the matter shall be immediately referred to the port committee for settlement."

We had also discussed the chairman to be appointed by personnel of port committee's chairman to be appointed by yourself. Plant's answer to above follows:

"We are not prepared to give anything. We want the right to hire men we want."

I asked Plant why he objected to above proposal. He said:

"No reasons necessary. If we don't like a man, that should be enough. We want entire freedom of selection without reference to any committee or otherwise."

We believe your representation here, McGrady should issue statement which will acquaint general public with the truth that unions are willing to settle this strike, but shipowners refuse to yield one inch in their un-American and arbitrary attitude.

Lundeberg's Wire

Harry Lundeberg, for the Sailors Union of the Pacific, said, in a wire to Secretary of Labor

CIO CHIEFS PLAN BIG DRIVE



PHOTO SHOWS C.I.O. leaders at Pittsburgh conference to map out organization drive for mass production industries. John L. Lewis (left) is shown talking with President Glenn W. McCabe of the Federation of Flat Glass Workers.

Labor Must Answer the Shipowners

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Ship Subsidies! The public at large, and all friends of labor, must answer the employers' demand for government intervention against the unions, by demanding the Federal Government USE ITS POWERS TO FORCE THE SHIPOWNERS TO SETTLE. President Roosevelt has been sidestepping the issue long enough. Demand of the President, the U. S. Maritime Commission, and the Department of Labor that the millions in ship subsidies upon which the shipowners depend, shall be withheld from those lines that are preventing a settlement being reached.

Organize a campaign against vigilatism and the recruiting of strikebreakers!

Organize financial support for the striking workers and their families!

Have your organization, your local union, your Central Labor Council act NOW! Demand that the State Federation of Labor give its entire support!

Organized Labor, the farmers, and the middle-class friends of labor must enter into this fight, and by these concrete measures of support, help the maritime workers win their fight for union conditions and decent living standards on the waterfront. Their fight is YOUR fight!

Bag Strike Grows Over Whole Coast

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title Workers Union 100 per cent within the last 7 weeks. In fact, the whole bag industry in the Pacific Northwest is 100 per cent organized. This means Portland, Seattle, etc.

Wages average \$16 per 48-hour week, in some instances men making \$2.16 to \$2.60 per day. Women are "protected" by state minimum law and make \$2.66 per day. Those working on piece or bonus system work under terrific speed-up, earning \$17-\$19 per week. In few instances more. Working conditions in some plants are very miserable and unsanitary.

That is what built the organization. 150 Bemis Bag workers struck last Thursday because of an evident move on the part of the company to lock them out, regardless of pending preliminaries for negotiations.

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ILA CALLS UPON LABOR TO AID HALTING SCABS

Lists Ways in Which Strike Can Be Aided by Labor

SAN FRANCISCO—I.L.A. Local 38-79 has addressed a call to all organized and unorganized workers to help prevent the recruiting of scabs. The call follows:

To Members of Organized Labor and all Unorganized Workers—Greetings:

We need your help to prevent the recruiting of scabs.

The present Maritime strike is an answer to the shipowners' program to destroy the Maritime Unions, in order that they might again impose the miserable conditions which existed prior to the Maritime Strike of 1934.

The basic demands for which the Unions voted to strike are:

1—Continuation of the preferential employment method.

2—Payment, in cash, of overtime, and not time off.

3—Eight-hour day for members in all departments of ship's crews. For the longshoremen, the continuation of the six-hour day.

The Industrial Associations and Chambers of Commerce in all port cities are giving their full support and cooperation to the shipowners. The large employers and the press throughout the country are on the side of the shipowners because if the Maritime Unions are broken, it will be easier for them to keep the wages of workers in all industries down.

Representatives of 300 San Francisco firms comprising the Wholesalers Warehousemen and Distributors Committee of the Industrial Association of San Francisco passed a resolution on Tuesday, Nov. 17th, declaring their intention to "receive and fill such orders as may come to us in the course of business or for the purpose of relieving the existing paralysis of commodity movements."

Employees Threatened

On the following day announcements to employees were posted in numerous non-striking firms announcing "if our firm is required to co-operate in the relief of this congestion as a matter of public necessity we shall expect the cooperation of all employees. Failure of any employee to offer this cooperation will compel us to request the immediate resignation of such employee."

2—Have your Central Labor Body or bureau appoint an investigation Committee to survey your area in order to discover whether any scab recruiting agencies are operating.

3—Report all attempts to recruit scabs to the Joint Strike Committee and have such agents picked up under the direction of your Central Labor Body.

By recommending these steps we feel we are moving forward to a stronger, more unified organized labor movement in California.

We are also enclosing a Resolution for your consideration. This Resolution was passed by the Joint Marine Strike Committee on Friday, November 13, and concurred in by Local 38-79, International Longshoremen's Association, on Saturday, November 14, 1936.

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Fraternally yours,

I.L.A. LOCAL 38-19.

Henry SCHMIDT,

President.

66 SHIPS TIED UP IN L. A. HARBOR

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LOS ANGELES—Comprising the largest fleet ever assembled in Los Angeles Harbor, sixty-six vessels were either tied up at the dock or anchored in the harbor in the eighteenth day of the maritime strike.

Representatives of the Inland Boatmen's Union are said to have presented demands to owners calling for a wage increase to \$165 per month on the basis of sixty working hours a week for unlicensed deckhands on tugs, compared to the present scale of \$125 and seventy-two working hours per week.

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SF STRIKE WAVE TAKES IN 30,000

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SAN FRANCISCO—Beginning to insist that the pre-election promises of President Roosevelt be carried through, the workers in the Bay Area have swelled the ranks of those on strike to nearly 30,000.

Most of the strikers are out in San Francisco. Besides the 19,000 maritime workers out here strikes include that of 14 crafts in 3 Bethlehem Shipyards (6000 men), against agreement violations; the upholstering strike; 150 workers of the Bemis Bag, for wage increases and optical workers. Additional strikes loom of 2000 laundry workers and of 350 more bag workers.

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LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

Big business, as represented by the National Association of Manufacturers, is going to sponsor dinners in 11 cities in the United States on November 23rd, dedicated to "replacing the antagonism of recent years" to the Roosevelt administration with a new "cooperation policy."

Such sentiments are touching! After snarling against Roosevelt all during the campaign as a "Communist," the Wall Street "gangsters" are now cooing about "cooperation."

All will live in peace and harmony, the scars of bloody battle will heal, and everything will now be hunkydory—that's what these cutthroats would have the people believe.

Wall Street's New "Line" . . .

Does this new "line" adopted by Wall Street, Hearst and the Liberty League, mean that they agree with the program voted for when they cast their ballots for Roosevelt? Concretely, are these openshoppers going to drop their bloody fight against organized labor, against social security for the people, against the constitutional rights and privileges of the people?

Far from it! Like the short-change artists they are, big business interests are merely putting on the mask of "cooperation" in order better to sabotage any program in the interests of the masses of workers, poor farmers, and middle-class people.

As the Communist Party statement on the elections pointed out, the pro-Fascist elements are going to try to carry out their program, which they embodied in the Republican platform, through the Roosevelt administration.

Plenty of Stooges . . .

And the Wall Streeters have plenty "ins" to work their dirty deal through the Democratic administration. First of all, there are many elements in the Democratic Party who see eye-to-eye with them—the arch-reactionary Democratic politicians of the deep South, the Tammany machine, the Hague machine of New Jersey, the Pendleton machine in Kansas City, the Kelly-Nash machine in Chicago, the "Ham" Cotton Democrats of California.

And then Wall Street still has its men on the United States Supreme Court, the nine old men who nullified every part and parcel of social legislation passed by the New Deal.

Roper, Cummings, Swanson—members of Roosevelt's cabinet—are certainly not what you would call devoted to the cause of the people.

They Didn't Quit . . .

Incidentally, there is one section of Roosevelt's program which the reactionaries are 100 percent in accord with—that of building a huge "defense" navy and army, which in reality are destined and known to be destined for a war of aggression. And another thing, the Landon-Knox campaign put the stamp of approval on the militarization of the CCC Camps.

It is obvious that Wall Street didn't give up its reactionary program, its defense of profits, its drive for Fascism, just because it lost the presidential election.

These stooges they have in the federal government are going to bat for the anti-labor, anti-peasant program of Wall Street, unless—

"Unless" Means Labor Party . . .

Unless the people organize to get what they voted for—concrete gains for labor, poor farmers and the middle-class—they aren't going to get it.

As we Communists pointed out in the election campaign, organized labor and its allies have got to build an independent political force to the left of Roosevelt, which will insist that these concrete gains are put through.

And an independent political force to the left of Roosevelt means the building of a people's front against the pro-Fascist Wall Streets, the building of a Farmer-Labor Party.

No reliance on Roosevelt, but only on its organized, fighting strength, must be the watchword for labor and other exploited people. Starting the building of a Farmer-Labor Party right now, will put the best and most pressure on the President to get the legislation the people need through the next session of Congress.

The Hearsts, Morgans, Rockefellers and their ilk are sick and dirty customers. But their attempts to betray the people will fail completely if opposed by such a people's front party.

The Farmer-Labor Party must be on the agenda of every American Federation of Labor body, every organization of the poor farmers, every people's organization.

WASHINGTON IN STEPS TOWARD LABOR PARTY

Commonwealth Fed. Adopts New 15-Point Program

SEATTLE—In the largest, most unified convention ever held by the Washington Commonwealth Federation, 446 delegates, including 205 from American Federation of Labor locals and central bodies, met here last week.

With its entire slate, with one exception, swept into office in the recent election, the spirit of victory and determination to move forward to new triumphs on the independent political field motivated the convention.

Elect Officials

Delegates unanimously elected County Commissioner Tom Smith, president, and Howard G. Costigan, executive director. Vice-presidents chosen were Captain John M. Fox, business agent of the Masters, Mates and Pilots and Ferryboatmen's unions; Earl Gunther of the Seattle Central Labor Council, and Professor Richard G. Tyler, of the University of Washington.

John M. Coffee, congressman-elect from Tacoma, drew lengthy applause when he urged redoubling the fight for civil rights and bitterly assailed the arrest of Earl Browder, Communist presidential candidate during the recent campaign.

He scored the Supreme Court and urged a Constitutional amendment to limit its powers.

Hailing numerous progressive victories by the Federation during recent months, Mayor John F. Dore greeted the convention.

New Program

The new 15-point program adopted by the convention follows:

1. Public ownership of all natural resources, public utilities, banks and monopolies.

2. Protection of civil rights to guard against Fascism.

3. Right of labor to bargain collectively and to picket; repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

4. Union wages in private and public employment and abolition of child labor.

Protect Farmers

5. Protection of farmers from mortgage foreclosures and subordination of cooperative warehouses, canneries and farm enterprises.

6. Exemption of homes valued at less than \$2000 from property taxation, providing the owner is the occupant; public clearance of slums; low-cost housing program for the poor.

7. Bureau to test consumer's goods and to examine working conditions under which goods are made.

8. Adequate pensions for the aged and for those unable to work.

For Jobless

9. Useful public works at union wages for the unemployed, or if these are unavailable, unemployment insurance at the prevailing wage.

10. Free hospital service to school children and families whose income is less than \$1500 a year.

11. Guaranteeing national peace by nationalizing the war industries, and international peace by embargoes on munitions and international cooperation with other democratic nations.

12. Academic freedom entitling teachers to open hearing when dismissed; adequate salaries for teachers; abolition of tuition in all state schools; government aid to needy students.

13. Elimination of tax-dodger by enacting graduated taxes on high incomes, bonds, stocks and other intangibles, gifts and inheritances, and abolition of sales tax.

14. unicameral house instead of present two-house body and a yearly salary for legislators.

15. Constitutional amendment to prohibit U. S. Supreme Court and state supreme courts from exercising their usurped powers of declaring popular legislation unconstitutional.

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Attempt to Disbar Gallagher

"GET GALLAGHER!"

This has been the cry raised by reactionary interests in Southern California for many years against Leo Gallagher, attorney who has won national and international fame for his heroic defense of workers whose organizational activity on behalf of their class has earned the hate of the open-shoppers.

There have been other attempts to "get Gallagher." Threats and intimidation have been tried, and failed. Police brutality has been tried, and it, too, has failed. Now the State Bar of California is being used by the labor-hating reactionaries in another attempt to "get Gallagher."

This time the attempt is being carried on in a "judicial" and "ethical" atmosphere. A body created by law, governing itself under rules laid down by the California legislature, is being used in an effort to make it serve the ends of as lawless a collection of open-shop interests as can be found anywhere in the country.

Gallagher's working class activity has long been a thorn in the side of the wealthy exploiters of labor. He has ruthlessly exposed their company unionism; he has mercilessly revealed the role of the courts as tools in the hands of the employers; his sharp attack against the "economic royalists" has caused him to be as much feared by the reactionaries as he is loved by the people. Gallagher's voice must be stilled, the reactionaries decree. So the attempt is now being made to disbar Leo Gallagher, champion of the people's rights.

Gallagher has been summoned to appear November 24th at a secret hearing, behind locked doors, to answer certain charges. Neither the nature of the charges nor the names of the parties who are pressing them have been revealed. There is every reason to believe, however, that the charges are based on the material issue by the Leo Gallagher Campaign Committee during the primaries last spring, when he ran against Judge Arthur Crum.

Crum is notoriously anti-labor, notoriously unfair, notoriously Fascist-minded, notoriously a servant of the Los Angeles Times. Leo Gallagher said so. But it is only now—after the elections—that these charges are being pressed. Obviously they weren't made or acted upon during the campaign for fear that facts brought out at a hearing would confirm Gallagher's statements and result in the defeat of this judicial pet of Los Angeles reactionaries.

All progressive and liberal individuals and organizations in California must help to defeat this latest attempt to "get Gallagher." Trade unions especially should take the lead in this campaign, for Leo Gallagher has contributed mightily to the defense of organized labor.

Resolutions should be addressed to the State Bar of California, condemning the attempt to disbar Gallagher and demanding dismissal of charges filed against him.

If this hearing is to take place November 24th, let it be an open hearing, where the public can learn first hand what the real issues are, why Harry Chandler and his cronies are determined to "get Gallagher!"

Organize Labor's Non-Partisan Leagues in California

WE JOIN with other progressive forces throughout the country in commanding the statement issued jointly by John L. Lewis, Sidney Hillman and Major George L. Berry, leaders of Labor's Non-Partisan League, which declares that the League will continue as a permanent organization, in order to push the enactment of pro-labor legislation.

These union leaders recognize the fact that although Landon and Knox have been defeated, the reactionary Liberty Leagues are still very much alive, and Hearst's theme song is still a hymn of hate against labor, even though he has changed the key somewhat. These pro-Fascist reactionaries are not at rest; they are trying to use the Roosevelt administration to put their anti-labor program across.

Labor's Non-Partisan League's decision to continue active participation in politics is a logical step; it was the role played by the League leaders that accounted for the progressive planks in the Democratic platform

in the elections and it logically follows that the League must stand by to see that these progressive pledges become translated into reality over the organized opposition of the du Ponts, the Mellons and the Morgans.

The organized labor movement in California can do no better at this time than to organize themselves to enact in Sacramento the role played by the political forces of Lewis, Hillman and Berry in Washington. A powerful Labor's Non-Partisan League in this state, organized with the objective of pressing forward for progressive, pro-labor legislation, can be a tremendous factor in raising the standard of living of California's people and protecting their elementary democratic rights.

And, just as nationally the leaders of Labor's Non-Partisan League are looking ahead to a "political realignment" based on independent working class political action—just so could a similar movement in California lay the basis for what the people of this state most urgently need: the California Farmer-Labor Party.

French Communists Defend People's Front Program

AS THE MASSES of French workers are exerting every more pressure in their demands that the Blum government recognize in fact the duly elected government of Spain by allowing it to purchase sorely needed arms in France, the reactionaries are increasing their cry that the People's Front is being broken up; that the Communists are leading the drive to disrupt it.

This hue and cry is raised because of the demand, led by the Communist Party and supported by millions of non-Communists, that Blum put an end to the hypocrisy of the "non-intervention pact" in practice, as have Germany and Italy by arming the Spanish Fascists.

While the Communist Party of France is making this demand, it is supporting the Blum government in every vote in the Chamber of Deputies, forced by the reactionaries in an attempt to defeat the present government. Just as the Communist Party is the staunchest defender of those people's demands which comprise the program of the People's Front—a program which every reactionary interest in France is combining to defeat.

The forces which are raising the cry of Communist disruption of the People's Front are the same which are working hard to bring about a rupture of the Franco-Soviet pact, and which are trying to drive France into a Western European bloc, in which France would be made the tail of the Hitlerite kite.

The Communist Party of France is the stalwart defender of the program of the People's Front—but correctly criticizes the Blum government for every instance when the government fails to enforce that program. Just as in Spain, the Communist Party is the recognized leading force in the struggle of the forces of democracy against the oppressors.

Issue Drawn Most Clearly

The election campaign in California fully bears out these conclusions. Nowhere was the issue so clearly drawn as between democracy versus reaction. The elections took place in the midst of two major struggles in other industries.

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The "Warriors" (whole tribes of noble red men must be gnashing their teeth in the Happy Hunting Grounds at this desecration of the word) are busily enlisting the "moral" aid of business interests in San Francisco. At how much a throw? we ask!

At any rate such a tin-horn Hitler would simplify the task of keeping track of the various mushroom growths of "Warriors," "Silver Shirts," "Black Legions," "Crusaders" and others—both with and without shirts.

HEARST STILL HAS THE SAME BED-FELLOWS



Hearst may have disguised the words a little since the election, but not the tune. He still stands for the Fascism he stood for before the elections; Hitler is still his God and Fascism still his goal.

The Results of the Elections In The State of California

(Resolution of the State Executive Committee, Communist Party, Nov. 14, 1936)
(See also Central Committee Statement, W. W., Nov. 16, or D. W. Nov. 7th.)

THE Central Committee of the Communist Party, in its statement on the elections, analyzed the results as defeat for the worst reactionaries, but not yet a decisive victory for the progressive forces fighting for democracy against fascism. It summarizes our tasks as follows: "The main task confronting the toiling masses of the country is to take advantage of the favorable outcome of the elections by pressing forward aggressively for the satisfaction of their immediate economic and political demands."

The campaign and the election results clearly show the sharpening of class lines in the United States. On one side stood an unprecedented concentration of organized wealth and reaction. Never before was the political struggle so much a question of the poor and downtrodden against the rich and the oppressors."

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The failure to get Lemke on the ballot, and the failure of the Landon meeting in Los Angeles, was due in large measure to the mass opposition of the Townsend membership and their disapproval of the tactics of their leaders.

The Referendum Measures

In the referendum measures on the ballot, the people defeated the tide lands measure backed by the oil interests, the oleomargarine tax backed by the big dairy interests, and the Hearst-sponsored measure to repeal the income tax law. Had the sales tax measure not been ruled off the ballot by the Supreme Court, the repeal of the sales tax would undoubtedly have been overwhelmingly voted by the people.

The forces of reaction, the Republican Party and the Liberty League Democrats, sponsored by biggest financial and industrial interests and the big growers, have been carrying on an intensive and aggressive campaign against progressive legislation, against civil liberties and the rights of labor, and against any taxation which hits their pockets. The "chainstore tax was defeated only after a tremendous campaign of misrepresentation backed by huge funds, and the confusion created that this was a tax on food. The campaign to put the repeal of the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalist Law on the ballot was able to muster 100,000 signatures and the endorsement of practically the entire labor movement, but did not get

on the ballot due to shortness of time.

The temper of the people was further reflected at the polls by the decisive repudiation of Landon in California; by the defeat of the reactionary Republican incumbent Congresswoman Florence Kahn; by the re-election of such outstanding progressives as Congressman Byron Scott, and Assemblymen Pelletier, Hawkins, and Richie; by the increase in the Communist vote, which reached about 25,000 (for Congressional candidates in only 12 of the 20 Congressional districts in the State) and between 9 and 10,000 for Browder and Ford; by the vote of over 6,000 for the Communist candidate against Kramer in the 13th Congressional district; by the strong vote for the Communist candidates in the 20th and 22nd Assembly districts of San Francisco, who received over 10 per cent of the vote; and by the comparatively good vote for Communist candidates in many vigilante-ridden districts.

Communist Legislative Vote

The fact that our candidates for Legislature and Congress received a higher vote than Browder and Ford, as high as four times as much, as in San Francisco, shows that many workers and farmers who voted for Roosevelt are being won by the Communist campaign for a united peoples front, a Farmer-Labor party. For the first time in California, the Communist presidential candidate for independent political action is reflected in the recent statement of Upton Sinclair, calling on Epics to leave the Democratic Party and to build a people's movement which can elect a people's governor and Legislature two years from now.

The movement for a Farmer-Labor party has not yet rooted itself sufficiently in the trade unions on which it must be based, and has not yet begun in the farmers organizations. The winning of the trade unions for independent political action is the most important task of Communists and other progressives in the unions. This is especially important because of important municipal elections in Los Angeles, Alameda County and other localities. Labor, in alliance with all other progressive forces, must enter these elections as an independent force, with its own candidates and platform.

The coming sessions of the Legislature and Congress

which open in January, place before the people the question of organizing and fighting for the things they were promised in the election campaign, for immediate economic and political benefits. The fight for progressive social and labor legislation is one of the most important steps which will further develop the movement for independent political action. All trade unions, all progressives, all unemployed and farmers organizations and white-collar workers must formulate their legislative bodies and other organizations must take this up as a paramount task before the labor movement.

The movement for independent political action through a Farmer-Labor party, and the increasing strength and influence of the Communist Party, cannot be primarily measured by the Communist vote only, in view of the fact that the labor and progressive forces who accepted the Communist analysis of the issues of Democracy versus reaction, and many of whom favor an anti-Fascist peoples front and a Farmer-Labor party, in the main supported the Roosevelt ticket with the belief through its victory the people could secure these essential things which they today desire.

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AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
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The Strike and the President

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT seems to have a habit of running away on a warship from maritime strikes, in order to evade his responsibility to the people. It happened in 1934, when he sailed for Honolulu at the most critical time of the strike, while his representatives entered into strikebreaking maneuvers; it happened again in the present strike, in the face of the demand of the maritime unions that he utilize his powers to force the shipowners to enter into negotiations for the purpose of settling the strike. President Roosevelt side-stepped the issue by sailing for South America, while a nation-wide maritime crisis is precipitated by the cold-blooded determination of the shipowners to wipe out the unions and union working conditions, and bring back company union conditions.

This is nothing else but a direct evasion of responsibility, in glaring contrast to the pro-labor speeches made by the President during the election campaign, and the people's mandate as a result of the elections, that these promises he made be carried out.

In his Madison Square Garden speech last month, President Roosevelt said: "Of course we will continue to seek to improve working conditions for the workers of America—to reduce hours overlong, to increase wages that spell starvation . . . to support collective bargaining . . . For all these we have only just begun to fight."

The seamen who work long hours overtime without pay, and who receive a basic rate of pay of only \$62.50 per month, the marine cooks and stewards who work ten and twelve hours a day in a stretch of fifteen, the longshoremen who won the six-hour day through struggle and intend to keep it, are waiting to see these fine words translated into action. And without the union hiring-hall, which the shipowners are determined to abolish, "collective bargaining" does not exist in the maritime industry.

The whole labor movement must raise the cry "Stop the subsidies"; the Federal Government could force the shipowners to settle the strike in 24 hours if they withheld all ship subsidies from the lines that refuse to settle.

Labor's Non-Partisan League

The results of the elections have given an impetus to the Farmer-Labor Party movement in a number of states. The victory of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party ticket, which now has 2 U. S. Senators, 5 Congressmen, a Governor, and practically the entire State ticket elected; the victory of the Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation of Wisconsin, which elected Farmer-Labor Progressive Candidates for Governor, Legislature, and Congress; the huge vote for the American Labor Party in New York, which reached 240,000 in New York City, and over 300,000 in the whole state; and the announced intention of Labor's Non-Partisan League to continue as a permanent national organization for a new political alignment, to build state organizations, and to carry on a fight for social and labor legislation in Congress and in State Legislatures, show the strong trend for independent political action.

It is the task of the militants and progressives in the trade unions of California to catch up with this national movement and start taking some definite steps for independent political action and a Labor Party.

There are scores, if not hundreds, of trade union officials in this state that have endorsed Labor's Non-Partisan League; there are dozens of local unions throughout California that have gone on record favoring a Farmer-Labor Party. In the past this progressive sentiment has been utilized by capitalist politicians to keep the labor movement chained to the two capitalist political parties.

The coming session of the Legislature and Congress, and the coming local elections in Los Angeles and Alameda County, early in 1937, make it imperative that the labor movement start carrying out the program outlined by Labor's Non-Partisan League to build a "new political alignment" and to fight for social and labor legislation. If these steps are taken now, it will lay the basis for a Farmer-Labor Party in the 1938 and 1940 elections.

old parties, and to the building of a Farmer-Labor party, pledges itself to continue this fight and to the accomplishment of these tasks. Its election platform contained the main demands which the Farmer-Labor forces must now fight for in the Legislature and Congress.

We call for the launching of a state-wide campaign for legislation in defense of civil liberties and the rights of labor, and for adequate social security. We call for a campaign against the proposed reduction in W.P.A. and direct relief, and in support of the demands of the Workers Alliance for a 20 per cent increase in pay. We call for the support of the maritime workers in their struggle, for the launching of a campaign to organize the 250,000 workers in agriculture and the oil, auto and rubber industries in California.

The election campaign of our Party reached wider circles and aroused greater response than ever before. One and a half million pieces of literature and leaflets were sold and distributed. Fifty radio broadcasts were made, local and statewide, besides the national broadcasts. The central mass meetings for Browder and Ford were the largest ever held; and scores of smaller meetings penetrated the neighborhoods and smaller communities, in spite of great obstacles, refusal of halls, vigilante and police terrorism. Recruiting for the Party is on the increase. But there are a number of weaknesses in the Party campaign which must be noted:

1. Almost complete failure, with a few exceptions like Sacramento, to bring the Communist campaign and platform into the trade unions, because of the inability of many Communists in the unions to raise the issue of the Labor Party correctly, and to show that the independent role of our party strengthens the fight of democracy against Fascism. We did not organize and prepare our trade union forces to bring the campaign into the unions.

2. Insufficient concentration on industrial areas, factories, (Cont. on P. 5, Col. 6)

YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

Sexual Sterility Does Not Always Mean Reduction of the Sex Urge

DEAR COMRADE BISSELL: Do women have sexual feelings if they are sterile or if they have reached menopause? My professor at Los Angeles Junior College claims that they do but he is not sure. He also claims that the sex feeling comes from the brain and not the sexual glands.

Answer—The sex glands in a female, the ovaries, have two main functions. They produce eggs, which, when fertilized, grow into a baby in the womb. They also produce chemical substances called "hormones," which are absorbed into the blood stream and through the blood exert a strong influence on all other organs and functions of the body.

The bodily function most strongly influenced by the ovarian hormones is the sex-urge, the desire to mate. This sex-urge comes, naturally, from the nervous system, which consists of the brain, the spinal cord, and the network of nerves. Anyone who thinks about this knows it to be true for the sex-urge, when present, always registers itself in his brain and in his thoughts. The main seat of the sex-urge is in the brain, with the spinal cord and the nerves playing a large part. The brain and the nerve-centers are constantly being bathed in the hormones from the ovaries, which, as noted above, exert a strong influence over them. Any change in the hormones therefore causes a corresponding change in the sex-urge, but only by way of the nervous system.

"Sterility" in a woman means that her ovaries either do not produce healthy eggs, or these eggs are hindered through some obstruction from coming into the womb or into contact with semen from the male. The result is that she cannot become pregnant.

As can easily be seen, a woman can be sterile even though her ovaries produce hormones quite normally and thus supply her with a normal sex-urge.

The menopause is the time of life, usually between the ages of forty and fifty, when a woman stops menstruating. At this time, her sex-urge is reduced but not eliminated by any means.

HOLLYWOOD RESUME: James Cagney Begins New Film With Independent

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD—James Cagney has at last started on "Great Guy," his first film in almost a year. Cagney having bolted Warners, none of the majors would loan their players to appear in the picture. Producer Douce, however, has a great cast lined up under John G. Blystone's direction. Opposite Cagney is Mae Clark (the girl he left with the grapefruit in the unforgettable "Public Enemy"), and in support are James Burke, Bernardine Hayes, Robert Gleckler, Henry Kolker, Edward Brophy, Joe Sawyer, Matty Fain, Russell Hicks and Douglas Wood.

"Great Guy" is an original story by James Edward Grant. The author, Henry McCarty, Henry Johnson and Harry Ruskin are credited with the screen play. On starting the film, Cagney was deluged with letters and wires from friends and fans who were happy to see him winning out in his scrap.

Contract Renewed

George Gershwin is writing a rhapsody in Hollywood for Sam Goldwyn's "Goldwyn Follies." Tyrone Powell will be Simone Simon's partner in Seventh Heaven. . . . Because of his crack acting in "Pury" and "Li-cackled Lady," MGM has renewed Spencer Tracy's contract ahead of time. . . . Tallulah Bankhead and Ronald Colman will play "Gone With the Wind," which George Cukor will direct in Technicolor. . . . Which reminds us that "Garden of Allah," while containing the most beautiful color photography yet seen, is one of the most uninteresting stories in a long time.

Even Marlene Dietrich and Charles Boyer are way below par. . . . New York's Filmarte and Cameo theaters playing foreign films, have pledged themselves to show no Nazi-produced pictures, in order to avoid a threatened boycott. . . . Algerian authorities have banned the Soviet "Chapayev." . . . Garbo has a 112-word speech in Camille, the longest in her career. . . . Jackie Coogan is no longer under contract to Metro, having completed five years on the lot.

N.Y. Police Violence

Quick to accuse labor organizations of violence, the New York police department has 150 detectives guarding the picture houses recently stink-bombed. Projectionists' local headquarters were raided, with 37 arrested, but all were released after questioning. . . . Maureen O'Sullivan, Esther Dumir and Margaret Dumont will all be fairs to the mad Marx Brothers in their new picture, "A Day at the Races."

Due to an agreement with the maritime unions, Paramount is able to go on filming *Souls at Sea*, and MGM to shoot *Captains Courageous* despite the waterfront tieup. . . . Bette Davis, licked by Warner Brothers in their legal struggle, is on her way back to Hollywood to resume her contract at the studio.

First step in the unionizing of laboratory workers has met success. Warners' Vitaphone laboratory in Brooklyn has gone under a closed shop regime. All Soviet films have been banned from Quebec province by Premier Du Plessis. . . . Tenth anniversary of *Amokio's* release

FREE THEM



Los Angeles, Calif.
K. S.



Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

THE SCOTTSBORO boys still face death, and the fight for them can by no means be considered over. Protests to the Alabama governor will aid the fight for their freedom. Photo shows two of the boys, Orie and Olin Montgomery.

I.W.O. Recruits 200 In the Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO—Two hundred members have been recruited into the International Workers' Order in San Francisco and Alameda Counties since Oct. 15th, according to its national field organizer, Phillip Gardner.

Membership of Branch 694, San Francisco, rose from 22 to 75, more than tripling. Branch 119, Jewish, has recruited 20 members for English branches. Branch 4310, Croatian, is purchasing uniforms for its junior branch, which it is helping to form a bugle and drum corps.

In Berkeley an entirely new

branch of the I.W.O. has been formed by Negro workers, having a membership to date of 11.

It has pledged to recruit five more by Nov. 28 when it will

have a send off party for Phillip Gardner, who will then go to Los Angeles.

Voices of Labor

Hearst has become a Dirty Name

Long Beach

EDITOR: Readers of Western Worker will be pleased to know that the name of William Randolph Hearst is proving a by-word for unpopularity. From

amused anger the public mind is turning to positive disgust.

In Laguna Beach we passed

petitions to prevent the showing of Hearst news reels in the local theatre. The petitions, though

hundreds of names were signed,

proved to be unnecessary. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, who is the

producer of the Hearst Metro-

News, has realized the de-

trimental effect upon their

productions through the use of

Hearst's name, and has decided

to cut it from the film. Beginning

with the 215th reel, Hearst

Metro News will be seen upon

the screen as News of the Day.

Mass pressure proved effective

to the extent that no one wants

to admit correction with Hearst.

—Z. K.

Appreciates Articles on

Factory Conditions

EDITOR: Some time ago I

complained of the quality of

your health column. I wish to

express appreciation of the con-

structive and very valuable in-

formation being published in it

now. F. M.

Soviet Navy to be

Strengthened for USSR's Defense

MOSCOW—The Soviet Union's Navy will be brought up in strength to the level of its other armed forces, it is indicated in articles appearing in the Soviet press.

Za Industrializatsiu, organ of the Commissariat of Heavy Industry, recently stated in an article: "The building of a battleship is in its way an examination of maturity for the technical thought and industrial power of the country."

NEW BARRACKS

BERLIN—The Olympic Village, which housed the participants in the Olympic Games (whose stated ideal is sport and friendly relations between nations) recently has been transformed into a barrack and drill ground for cadet and non-commissioned officers.

Speaking before the British House of Commons, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden scored Germany for again abandoning "procedure by negotiation in favor of unilateral action."

S.F. CHRONICLE GOES TROTSKYITE

Wails Soviet Union Won't Be Saved

By STEPHEN PEACOCK

FOR who find that the Communist Party and the Soviet Union are too conservative to suit them are the r-r-r-radical San Francisco Chronicle rolls merrily along to join the United Front of Trotzkites.

With black crepe draped at half-mast on its mast-head as a tribute to its dead brains, the Chronicle, commenting editorially on the mighty mechanized Red Army wails (Nov. 10): "Machine Replaces Both God and Man in Russia."

Russian God joined the White Army. But even that wasn't so bad, for there was still that good man Lenin. But he died. (Sniffle, sniffle.) And then came that blankety-blank Stalin.

Well sir, things began to pop. Stalin exterminated the peasants, castrated the workers, dumped God into the Black Sea and threw Trotzky to the Turks. God is gone. Man (Trotzky) is gone. Everything is gone except the machines!

"Since then (the Revolution)," poops the Chronicle, "many things have happened in Russia—but not the fulfillment of that dream." (Time out for weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth.)

"First there was the sudden precipitation of outright Communism, with no money, wages, property or profits. It broke down and the people starved. There was the civil war, with its butcheries and its terror. Another sort of Communism was tried (probably Hoover's), and it, too, broke down. So Lenin set up a State capitalism, which he did not deign even to pretend was socialism. And Lenin died." (Tidal wave of tears.)

The "Red Revolutionist"

"Stalin," continues the editorial, "came into the dictatorship, but not into undisputed authority. Trotzky, who had built the Red army and won the war, still clung to the extreme theories of world revolution. He and his followers had at first too much prestige to be summarily dismissed, but Stalin gradually undermined them and now they are gone." (Heartrending sobs from Hearst, Hitler and certain "liberals" and "Socialists.")

"From a regime, aspiring to

wild revolution, Russia became a great factory and a great army."

Ah, there's the rub, Messrs. Hearst, Hitler, Rowell and Trotzkites. If it had only remained an aspiration. What a spiritual spectacle it would have been to find Hitler and Mussolini's barbarians advancing on the Soviet Union to be greeted, not by tanks, airplanes and machine guns, but by a reception committee bombing them with such gems as "Thou shalt not kill," and "The way of the transgressor is hard."

But always the machine. The machine has taken the place in Russian sentiment once occupied by God. . . .

And Then Came Stalin

It seems that everything was hot-totsy as long as God watched over Russia from above where he spent his time counting sparrows, hairs, lice, cockroaches and columnists of the Brisbane-Rowell type.

And below sat his personal representative, the late lamented Czar Nick with his seat softly ensconced on his throne.

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WAR INSTIGATORS AGAIN PLOTTING TO SECURE HUGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR WAR

**Seek Largest Peace-Time Appropriations
For Armaments In U.S. History, With
Pacific Areas Chiefly Involved**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Although the Roosevelt campaign stressed the fight for peace, it's going to take a lot of pressure to get the administration to carry out a real peace policy, as was indicated last Monday when a billion-dollar "national defense" budget was proposed for next year.

This tops the current year's budget, which was the highest peace-time budget for war in American history. This budget included \$528,102,532 for the Navy Department, \$388,244,859 for the War Department, the latter exclusive of \$189,591,985 for other war preparations.

Preparing for War

That the administration is preparing for a war in the Pacific was shown by actions of the last Congress designed to convert the Hawaiian Islands into a "Gibraltar."

Harbor "defense" projects, mainly on the Pacific Coast and Hawaii, are going to cost \$31,000,000 if the war instigators in the U.S. have their way. Only a fifth of this amount was appropriated last year.

Hits At Japan

Midway Island is also to be converted into a naval and air base, if the "Big Navy" crowd and their Wall Street backers have their way, a threat which caused rumbles in Japan.

The "Big Navy" gang also want an increase in Navy personnel to 10,000, in which they have Secretary of the Navy Swanson's backing.

These unprecedent appropriations are certainly not for "defense" but are prompted by the Fascist-minded Wall Street gang who are driving towards war to increase their profits.

U.S. Ship Officer Tells Atrocities By Spain Fascists

NEW YORK—An eyewitness account of Fascist atrocities and German participation in the civil war raging in Spain was related to the North American committee to Aid Spanish Democracy by an American ship officer who came to the Committee to doante \$25 to the fund.

Fascists Murder Hundreds

He described the murder of hundreds of prisoners mostly longshoremen who had refused to join the Fascists. "Day and night prisoners were removed from the ships and shot," he said. "Union membership was held sufficient for shooting the officer." The officer was beach master when his ship unloaded, and talked to the people. He said they were practically unanimous in opposition to the Fascists. Civil police who opposed the revolt were arrested and shot, he said.

Nazis Back Fascists

He reported celebration of rebel victories at Irun by German officers aboard their ships. At Rio Guiana a German ship agent for the Hattan-Cookson line named Bauer boasted Germany would receive Spanish Guiana from the rebels.

Chinese General to Defend Suiyuan "At All Costs"

PEIPING, China—With reported instructions from General Chiang Kai-Shek to defend Suiyuan "at all costs," General Fu Ka-Erh-Tu to assume personal command of the central government forces defending Suiyuan Province against an invasion of Japanese-led Manchukuo troops. Japan's troops attacked Hun-Ku-Erh-Tu, border town northeast of Taolin, last Monday, but were repulsed six times according to reports. The people are rallying against Japanese aggression.

Soviet Union Unable To Accept Protest By Nazi Government

MOSCOW—The Soviet Union has notified Nazi diplomats, it is unable to accept the German protest against arrest of 23 German citizens, caught in anti-Soviet activities.

N. Krestinsky, Vice Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, delivered this reply to Werner von Tipperkisch, Nazi chargé d'affaires, who made the protest for Germany.

Charges of conspiracy and espionage have been filed against 14 of the Nazi citizens.

REACTION IN PERU
LIMA—President Oscar R. Benavides has the constituent congress studying his plan for his own dissolution and setting himself up as dictator of Peru. The recent left-wing victory in the elections was nullified by force.

Spain's fighting youth appeal to the youth of the world to come to their aid, in their fight against the Fascist armies. Two copies of this appeal from the United Socialist Youth League of Spain, were received by the Daily Worker, national organ of the Communist Party, U. S. A., with a request to send one copy to the Young Communist League and the other to the Young People's Socialist League.

The Western Worker prints the text of this appeal, which should go far in bringing about joint action of Socialist and Communist youth of this country to aid their embattled Spanish comrades.

Text of Appeal

The United Socialist Youth of Spain, who are fighting against Fascism in the front-line trenches, today speak to the anti-Fascist youth of the entire world to tell them about the present events. We want our voices to reach all young people throughout the world who are fighting against reaction. We also want the Spanish people to be able to count in these decisive hours of Spain's history upon the enthusiastic and unselfish solidarity of the freedom-loving youth.

Struggle of All Peoples

Here are the two imperative demands of the hour! The fight in Spain is the struggle of the

GREETINGS FROM MOSCOW'S WORKERS TO SPAIN



"WE ARE WITH YOU, heroic workers of Spain," reads this huge banner, carried during Moscow workers' demonstration of sympathy with the Spanish people's struggle against Fascism. 120,000 people were out on Red Square, Moscow, in this demonstration.

Litvinoff Awarded Order Of Lenin By Soviet Union

MOSCOW—For his outstanding merit in the struggle for peace as the leader of Soviet diplomacy, Maxim Litvinoff, People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs, has been awarded the Soviet government's highest tribute, the Order of Lenin.

The award was made at the recent session of the Presidium of the Central Executive Committee of the U.S.S.R. by Chairman Mikhail I. Kalinin, who also bestowed decorations upon a group of Soviet citizens of particular merit, including members of the Red Army, sportsmen, and artists of the Moscow drama.

Litvinoff's Speech

The decision to honor Litvinoff was made on his birthday several months ago, but was just carried out. Upon receiving the decoration Litvinoff made an important speech, saying in part:

"I am proud in the knowledge that while carrying out the directions of the Party and the Soviet government and of our leader, Comrade Stalin, and while endeavoring to render all service in my power to our great Socialist Fatherland, I am simultaneously serving all peoples, all mankind."

"For, though bourgeois wisdom defines a diplomat as a man who tells lies for the sake of his country, a Soviet diplomat is distinguished by the fact that he always tells the truth, not only for the sake of his own country, but for all working people and all mankind."

"Soviet diplomacy is the struggle for peace, and peace is necessary for all mankind. With the same object, we proposed to other countries time after time the best system for organizing universal peace."

"I say, universal peace, because we want peace not only for ourselves but for all peoples."

"Non-aggression pacts between neighbors, regional pacts for collective struggle against the aggressor, an international definition of aggression, strengthening of international solidarity on the basis of the Covenant of the League of Nations—this is the system we proposed after rejection of our proposals on general disarmament, which we always considered the most important and irreplaceable guarantee of peace."

"There are people both among

journalists and statesmen—but not among the champions and friends of peace—who proclaim the bankruptcy of this system for the organization of peace.

Hits Anti-Peace Lies

"But such assertions are absolutely false, and are only one of the means of anti-peace propaganda. Is it possible to speak of the bankruptcy of a system which is not yet in existence, and for adoption of which a struggle is still being waged?"

"If we speak of bankruptcy we can speak only of the bankruptcy of the policy of those countries which in words accept the Soviet proposals, and make declaration after declaration about collective security, the indivisibility of peace and the inviolability of the principles of the League of Nations and the regional pacts, but which in practice sabotaged all these ideals.

Other Govts. Bankrupt

"We can speak only of the bankruptcy of the policy of those governments which presume that preparations to resist openly prepared aggression can only be made with the consent and participation of the deliberate instigators of this aggression.

"We can speak only of the governments which ignore the violation of international agreements and indisputable acts of aggression, which fawn on the culprits, which flatter them in the hope that the latter, satisfied with their successes, will say: 'We will sin no more.'

"But history teaches that aggression and expansion are insatiable. Every success, every concession is used by the aggressor for further attacks. The policy of weakness and complicity to the aggressors has merely led to their increased impudence. Isn't it clear whose policy is bankrupt?"

Path to Peace

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which to choose. There are but two paths—one leads to a system of collective security as proposed by the Soviet Union, a system of collective organization of the defense of all peace-loving countries against the few and not very terrible aggressors.

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"As for us we can quietly wait, relying on our own means of defense and watch how Europe makes her choice. We are firm in our knowledge that if the other peoples really want to organize peace, guarantee collective security, and counter the forces of aggression with the existing forces of peace, they will not manage without the Soviet Union."

Soviets Bulwark for Peace

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"I emphasize that this is not a question of isolating the U. S. S. R., but of isolating other countries of Europe with the aim of making them defenseless and submissive to the aggressor."

"Soviet diplomacy will continue to carry on its Bolshevik struggle for peace by those methods which every-day lessons convince it are the best. I shall continue to perform this work in a Bolshevik way, so as to justify in the future the honor or accorded me today."

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LABOR COUNCIL HITS BACK AT THE VIGILANTES

San Jose Unionists Protest Fascist Salute

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN JOSE—San Jose was treated to an open display of Fascism on the day which the entire world sets aside to memorialize peace.

During the Armistice Day Parade in this city an Italian Chapter of the American Legion while passing the reviewing stand gave the Fascist salute and were at the same time carrying the insignia of Mussolini Fascism. This was the report and protest of one of the delegates to the Central Labor Council at its last meeting.

Obviously the American Legion was aware that this procedure would take place and yet nothing was done to forestall such action. Needless to say considerable resentment and disgust was felt by numerous witnesses according to the report to the Council. As a result a committee was appointed to draw up a protest to the American Legion, copies of which were to be sent to the Veteran's Council, the public press and the Union Gazette.

Labor's Stand

Union labor will not condone such open displays of Fascist organization in California and is organized to combat such action.

At the first meeting called for the purpose of forming a Citizen's Committee for Civic Rights, approximately forty unions were represented. An official body was elected, a collection was taken and a definite program for combatting vigilantism was outlined.

To Forestall "200"

In order to forestall vigilante activity of the "Committee of 200," organized labor will establish a "Committee of 2000." Rosters are now being circulated amongst various unions and friends of organized labor. A membership of 2000 is expected within the policies of private industry.

San Jose Peoples' Forum To Be Started by Labor

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN JOSE—The committee delegated by the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council to form a People's Forum has reported that several sponsors has responded and that the Forum will be a reality soon. The People's Forum will offer something that has as yet been unknown in San Jose—Free Speech on controversial issues. Heretofore only the boss angle has been presented. Plans are being formed to make San Jose a real workers town. Chances of the plans materializing seem certain. The workers will be.

Fight Goes On To To Reinstate Mothers on WPA

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—A grievance committee from the Workers' Alliance, led by County Organizer Pat Callahan, was given the run around by W.P.A. officials on November 12th when they protested the discharge of 2000 mothers of minor children.

Safely absent from the office when the committee called were Col. Connally and Major Dillon, W.P.A. Administrator and his assistant, following their well known policy of running out whenever they can furnish any kind of excuse. The committee met with Katherine O'Conner, who listened, but took no action.

Another Committee Call

Following a mass meeting of the mothers at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18th, in Symphony Hall, 232 S. Hill Street, the committee will call the next day, Nov. 19th, to hear the answer of the W.P.A. to the demand of the Workers' Alliance and the mothers for their reinstatement. In addition to demanding the reinstatement of the mothers by the local W.P.A., the committee requested that the Washington headquarters immediately supply whatever additional funds are needed. It charged that there is a definite state policy of separating mothers from other industrial workers in line with the policies of private industry.

Poverty in Homes

Answering the W.P.A. statement that the mothers were discharged in an effort to curb child delinquency, the committee maintained that this change is merely a smoke screen behind which domestic regimentation is being carried on. The W.P.A. did not explain how it expects child delinquency to be decreased by increasing poverty in the homes.

Copies of the demands presented by the committee are to be sent to Washington offices of both the W.P.A. and the Workers' Alliance of America.

ANTI-SOVIET PACT

SHANGHAI—Germany and Japan are reaching an agreement on a treaty against the Soviet Union, which Japan will reveal the terms of before the Japanese Parliament convenes December 24th, declared Paul Patterson, executive editor of the Baltimore Sun, here last week.

Union Recreation Center Sports

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—Union Recreation Center's baseball teams are moving right along to the forefront of their respective leagues, when both the No. 1 Class "A" and the No. 2 Class "C" teams went to town on their opponents' expense.

The URC No. 1 Class "A" Spanish Club game last Sunday the 15th at 12 o'clock at Jackson Park was a coker. The Spanish Club put up a great fight but went down to defeat before the pitching and slugging of the powerful URC team. Score, URS 7, Spanish Club 5. At one part of the game the basses were loaded with URC men when Mead, r. f., the "Lou Gehrig" of the URC Club, came up to bat and was walked intentionally by the S. Club pitcher in his effort to get out of the hole, but luck wasn't with him. The next batter, Gacan, URC ss., almost caved the side of the club house for a 2-bagger, bringing in 3 runs to clinch the game. Rizzo, the URC pitcher, allowed only 3 hits to his opponents' 10.

The next Sunday's Nov. 22nd game will be played at Funston Park diamond No. 1 at 10 a.m.

The URC team players are as follows:

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Cardinal, 2b. 4 1 0
Decamp, If. 3 1 1
O'Donnell, c. 4 1 2
Banchero, 1b. 4 0 1

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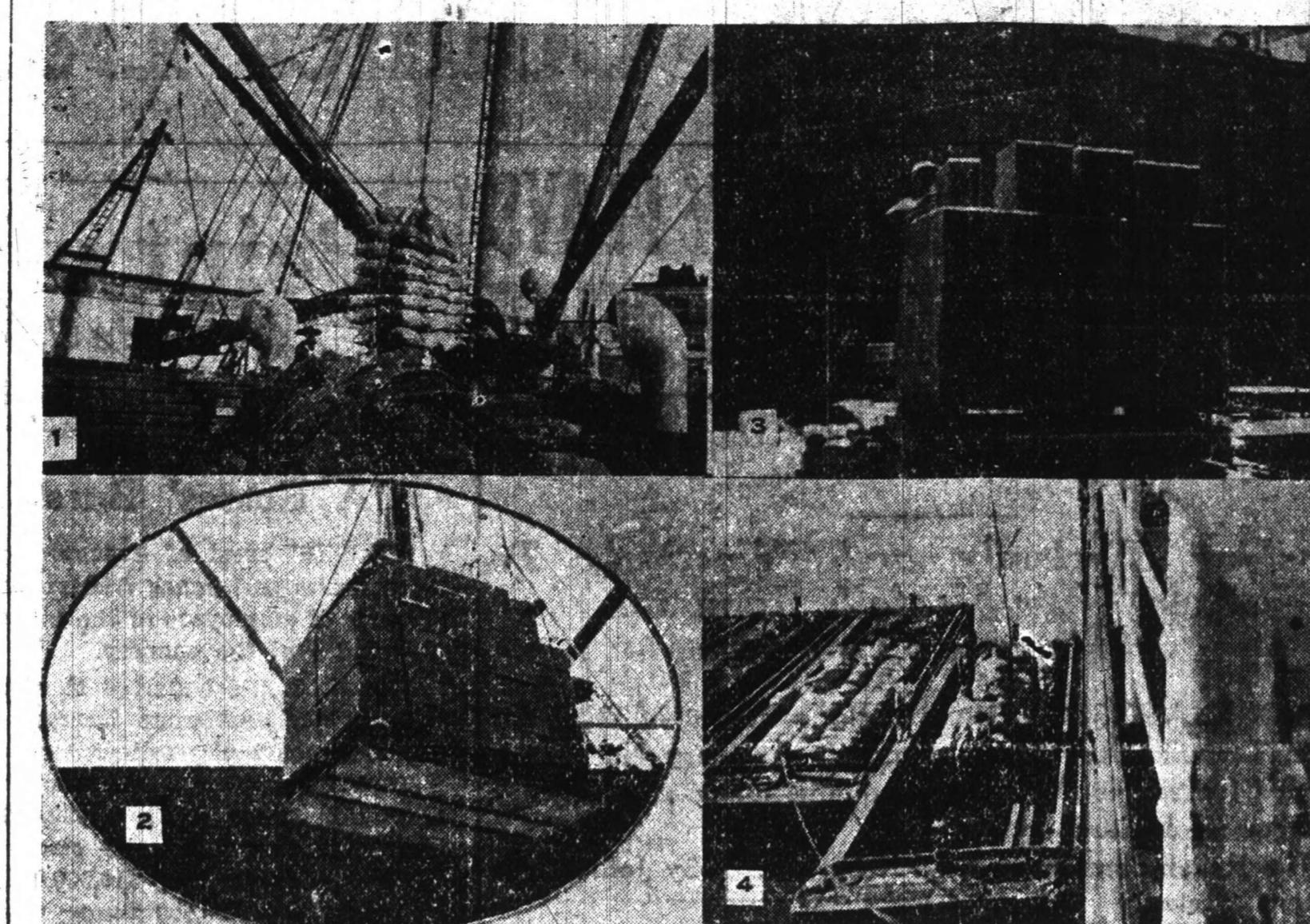
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10 a.m. diamond No. 2.

PACIFIC LONGSHOREMEN WON'T ALLOW THIS BACK



SLING LOADS on the Gulf and East Coast run between 2500 and 5000 pounds. On the Pacific Coast the I.L.A. has brought sling loads down to around 1800 pounds. Photo shows typical Gulf Coast sling loads at Mobile. West Coast longshoremen won't allow return of old, pre-1934 conditions.

Grange is Asked to Campaign Against Short Weighing

AN OPEN LETTER

Elk Grove, Calif., 11-9-36.

An Open Letter to: President, California State Grange. My Dear Mr. Sehlmeyer:

This letter is about short weights given the farmer by nearly every poultry buyer, also other livestock buyers.

I went to see Mr. Duffee of the Sacramento County Weights and Measures Bureau. I brought him an instance where I could prove I had been given short weight on poultry. After talking and insisting to him for about an hour, I found I could not move him from his position, viz: That the burden to correct this evil shall lie on the farmers' shoulders by the latter swearing out a warrant against the one who gave him short weight. I tried to prove to him that it is the duty of his division to ferret out those who give short weights by leaving his agents get evidence just as in liquor violation cases.

Thinks If You're Robbed, You Should Compromise By Getting Half Back

He stated that the State office always tries to compromise! when cases are brought in to him. Cited as case where—short weighed a man for \$40 on hogs. The State agent compromised with—by the latter paying \$25 of the \$40 the farmer should have received.

Now if it is a crime it should not be compromised, but under the present set-up it is the only thing to do. —refused to take the man's hogs for full value. What can the man do? He must sell his stock when it is ready.

Another case he cited was that of a cannery owner who short-weighted the farmer for tomatoes. Mr. Duffee said his office worked on this case ten days and at the end of that time the farmer refused to swear out a warrant.

Well naturally he wouldn't. Neither would I. What farmer is independent enough to demand his rights today? All this farmer could do was to refuse to sell to the cannery, or the cannery would refuse to buy at correct weight. In either case the farmer would be left with his unsold crop of very perishable tomatoes on his hands and he could walk out on the road.

If Caught, the Thief Returns Part Of His Booty. Need Real Law

Why shall we be taxed for a weight and measures system where the buyer practices short weights except where he is caught occasionally and is obliged to return only some of what he stole from the farmer. Give us a law that really protects us, not a law that is for the primary purpose of protecting big buyers and the secondary purpose of giving jobs to agricultural politicians.

I took this matter up also with Mr. Stanley, the farm adviser of Sacramento County, who said the matter should be brought to the attention of the legislature division of the Farm Bureau.

This I think is a mistake, as the big farmers in the Farm Bureau are too often stockholders in packing plants and canneries and are therefore opposed to any law enforced against themselves. I think the State Grange would be more interested in this matter since they have a more liberal democratic policy that more nearly represents the interests of the numerically strong small farmer. I would be glad if you could give as much publicity as possible to this matter by sending copies of this letter to farmers' organizations. Also print in your paper whatever portions you wish.

Oblige, MARG. WAESELL

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Buzzell Supported Movement to Pay Extra Pedro Cops

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—At the request of J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, a committee from the joint maritime strike committee met to consider a proposition he attempted to put over.

This was Buzzell's proposition:

The joint strike committee was to appear before the Los Angeles City Council and demand the approval of the request of Chief of Police James E. Davis to appropriate \$44,500 per month to pay special strike duty benefits to the 600 L.A. policemen now on duty in the strike area.

Saving to Shipowners

This would give the police \$3 per day extra pay in addition to extra meals away from home and transportation costs.

In the 1934 strike the shipowners paid these costs.

If the joint strike committee would do this, Red Squad Leader Hynes was supposed to see that private guards were disarmed and only allowed to use clubs on the strikers. Police would handle the whole picketing situation in a very mild manner, and so forth.

Just how this remarkable agreement was to be administered was not made clear. Buzzell was in telephonic communication, presumably with Hynes himself, during the conversation.

Councilman Anxious

Oddy enough, also while the conversation was going on, a city councilman called Buzzell to find out how things were shaping up and if it was time to press for adoption of the resolution.

The committee did not take the bait! It will be remembered that the city council finally announced that no action would be taken that day.

However, there were many citizens, longshoremen, women representing various organizations and taxpayers who wanted to be heard. The council decided to allow public discussion on the proposed treasury raid. The protests poured in! A petition signed by thousands was read.

It is a sad fact also that certain members of the maritime committee were favorable to Buzzell's proposal.

N. Y. Bosses Seek to Void Jobless Act

WASHINGTON—New York manufacturers have closed their appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court to declare the New York state unemployment insurance act unconstitutional on the grounds that it does not require a pauper's oath.

Mr. Gill, the fourth mate and member of the M.M. and P. Local 88, New York, had another idea. When asked by a brother if he was coming ashore, Mr. Gill brandished a revolver under the brother's nose and said he wasn't going to leave the ship and that he was sick of these West Coast unions.

As far as we know, Gill is still being faithful to the labor program of the American Hawaiian Steamship Co.

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Frameup Intent on King, Ramsay, Conner Bared Constantly

WARREN RUSHED TRIAL WITH BIASED JUDGE TO HELP SHIP OWNERS AS BLOW AT STRIKE

Judge Ogden Has Revealed His Prejudice On Numerous Occasions; Labor Must Halt This New Mooney Frameup

OAKLAND—District Attorney Earl Warren of Alameda County made every possible effort to start the trial of Earl King, E. G. Ramsay, Frank J. Conner and George Wallace of the Marine Firemen's Union as soon as possible, because he wanted:

WAREHOUSE MEN NEARING BIG VICTORY

Hearst Efforts to Be-coud Issues Fail

(Maritime News Service)

SAN FRANCISCO—First break in the Warehousemen's strike that was called here coincident with the walkout of Maritime unions throughout the country, came with employers offering to arbitrate.

Cold storage, general and milling warehouse employers agreed to the arbitration proposal, but wholesale grocery employers declined to join with them.

More than 1,400 men walked out after their efforts during a year of fruitless endeavor to reach an agreement met an impasse. All are members of the I.L.A., Local 38-44, one of the fastest-growing unions in the country.

Membership Growth

In one year's time their membership leaped from some 900 to nearly 4,000 members in this area.

They sought union recognition, hiring through the union hiring hall, 40-hour week and a wage raise from 62½ cents an hour to 85 cents an hour.

The wholesale grocery units, counseled by Bartley C. Crum, chief aide to John Francis Neylan, Hearst's leading attorney, have refused to concede even arbitration.

Union members immediately started balloting to determine whether to accept the arbitration proposal.

Meanwhile, the food supply remained tightly locked in warehouses as union teamsters refused to go through picket lines.

Efforts of the Hearst counseled groups to becloud the issues by charging army and navy supplies were being threatened by the strike and their communication of that charge to officials in Washington, D. C., proved of no avail.

Beauty Can Be Made Union Proposition Too, They Prove

SAN FRANCISCO—Beauty can be made a union proposition too. More than 200 beauty parlor employees have joined the Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Union here since an organization campaign started about 10 days ago. Treasurer Pierce of Barbers Union 148 reveals. He predicts the big majority of the 2000 in the industry in the union soon.

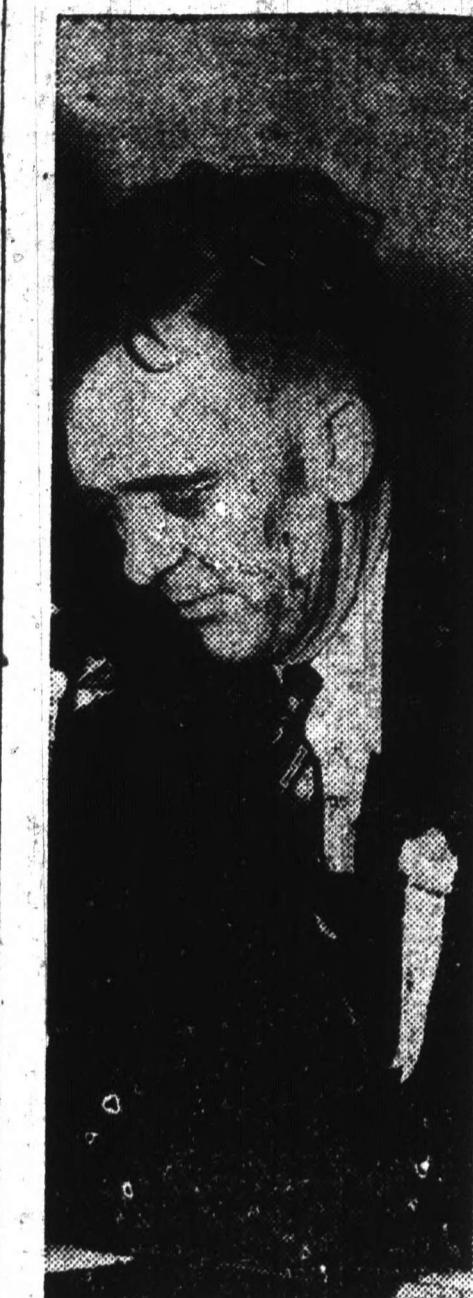
Tell the Girl-Friend to Boycott These

READING, PA.—The Berkshire Knitting Mills normally employs 5800 persons and is the largest hosiery mill in the world. It makes approximately 10 per cent of American hosiery production and therefore dominates the wage and price policies of the other mills in the country.

Berkshire is paying girls \$8.00 a week who should be getting at least the minimum wage of \$13.00 specified in the Code and still being paid in all other hosiery mills. There are almost four thousand girls working in this plant. Perhaps five hundred of them are now receiving the \$8.00; if the strike is unsuccessful \$8.00 a week will become the basic wage in this plant.

Berkshire is paying over 650 younger men, out of a total of 10,000, \$23.50 to \$31.50 per week instead of from \$30.00 to \$40.00, doing the work of skilled workers. It tries to hide this fact

AT UNION MEET



A. C. ROGERS, San Diego progressive trade union leader, who addressed a big meeting of aircraft workers there. See story on this page.

LABOR PARTY NEED IS SHOWN

Porters Leader Urges Negro-White Unity

LOS ANGELES—Speaking as a visitor at the Central Labor Council here this week, Laurence Dellin, vice-president of the Sleeping Car Porters' Union and member of the Alameda Central Labor Council, delivered a stirring speech in which he brought out that the three most important issues facing the American working class are, first, the building of a Labor Party, support of the Committee for Industrial Organization and the drawing in of Negro workers into the trade unions.

But in order to "conserve" these prospective jurors, Warren and his stooges have had to postpone the start of nearly all other jury cases in Alameda county. At the present time, there are so many jury cases waiting for trial that the whole court machinery will be jammed for months to come unless they are started very soon.

Warren would have had to call a new jury panel within a few days, and he would have no time to "educate" its members. Thus his frantic hurry to start the King-Ramsay-Conner-Wallace trial.

Evidence of this haste came last week, Monday and Tuesday. Superior Judge Frank M. Ogden, forced to postpone the trial during argument on a defense motion to disqualify him for bias and prejudice, granted the postponement only until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

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